



Sustainable Preservation: Five Principles for Success

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1. Learn from the success of others...



Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center (Ecotrust)

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LEED Gold 2001

PA: Holst Architecture

Project Size: 70,000 Sq. Ft. Project Cost: \$12.4 Million

LEED Credit Category	Achieved
Sustainable Sites Water Efficiency	8 2
Energy and Atmosphere Material and Resources	5 10
Indoor Environmental Quality	9
Innovation in Design	5





Total

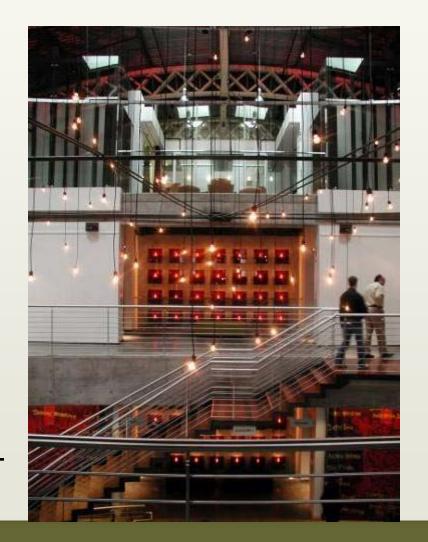
Gerding Theater (Portland Armory)

LEED Platinum 2006

PA: GBD Architects

Project Size: 55,000 Sq. Ft. Project Cost: \$ 36.1 Million

LEED Credit Category	Achieved
Sustainable Sites	11
Water Efficiency	5
Energy and Atmosphere	10
Material and Resources	8
Indoor Environmental Qualit	y 14
Innovation in Design	5
Total	53





Balfour-Guthrie Building

LEED Silver 2003

PA: Thomas Hacker Assoc. Project Size: 19,000 Sq. ft.

Cost: \$55 per sq. foot

LEED Credit Category

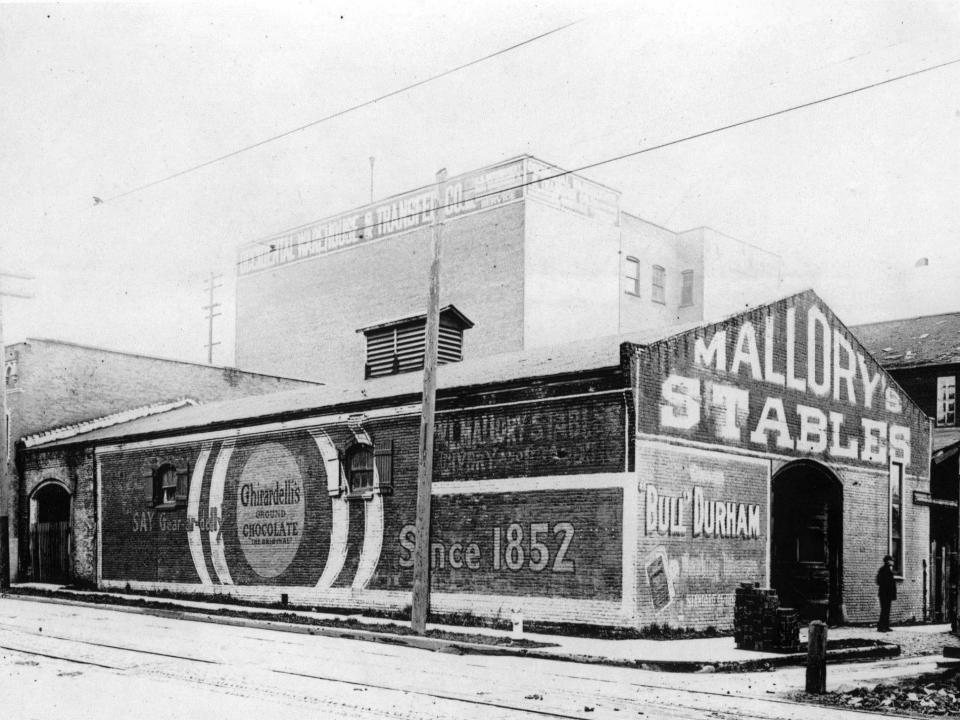
Sustainable Sites 7
Water Efficiency 2
Energy and Atmosphere 6
Material and Resources 9
Indoor Environmental Quality 8
Innovation in Design 1

Total 33













2. Consult with SHPO/NPS early and often ...









3. Implement an Ideal Design and Construction Process...

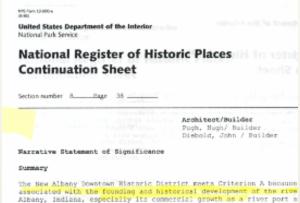


An Integrated Approach for Historic Projects

Project Planning and Programming Assessment of Value

» Research/NR Nomination
 Evaluation/Documentation of condition and treatment recommendations

- » Historic Structure Report
- » Environmental assessment
 Programming and Design Concept
 Partners, Grants and Incentives
 Determination of Feasibility
 - » Feasibility Study/Pro Forma





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Project Design Eco-charrette/Goal Setting Design Concept

» Conceptual design, Schematic design

Design Review: Tax credits (part 1,2), Historic District, Code

» Local/SHPO/NPS

Design Development

Energy Modeling

Envelope Analysis

Design Commissioning





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Construction and Implementation

Construction Documents

LEED Documentation

Bid

Construction

Building Systems Commissioning

Tax credits (part 3)

LEED Documentation

LEED Submission and Certification





4. If windows are an issue, understand the role that they play...



Historic Windows, a lightening rod!

What Replacement Windows Can't Replace: The Real Cost of Removing Historic Windows

WALTER SEDOVIC and JILL H. GOTTHELF

Sustainability looks even better through a restored window.

	EMBODIED ENERGY	
MATERIALS	MJ/kg	MJ/m3
Aggregate	0.10	150
Straw bale	9.24	51
Soil-cement	0.42	819
Stone (local)	0.79	2030
Concrete block	0.94	2350
Concrete (30 Mpa)	1.3	3180
Concrete precast	2.0	2780
Lumber	2.5	1380
Brick	2.5	5170
Cellulose insulation	3.3	112
Gypsum wallboard	6.1	5890
Particle board	8.0	4400
Aluminum (recycled)	8.1	21870
Steel (recycled)	8.9	37210

For all the brilliance reflected in efforts to preserve historic buildings in the U.S., the issue of replacing windows rather than restoring them remains singularly unresolved. Proponents on both sides of the issue may easily become frustrated by a dearth of useful data, as well as conflicting information, or misinformation, promulgated by manufacturers. Indeed, it often seems that many preservation practitioners and building owners remain in the sway of advertising claiming that the first order of business is to replace old windows. In the context of preservation and sustainability, however, it is well worth reconsidering this approach.

Sustainability and Authenticity

In considering alternatives to replacing historic windows, one needs to keep in mind two important elements: sustainability and authenticity. Sustainability (building green) and historic preservain this case, windows — without fully evaluating the consequences. Once authentic material is lost, it is lost forever. It does not matter how accurate the replacement window, it never reflects the nuances of the original.

Taking the Long View

Historic windows possess aesthetic and material attributes that simply cannot be replaced by modern replacement windows. Like preserving whole buildings, restoring historic windows is a solid step forward into the realm of sustainability. The present approach to sustainability, however, still too often focuses on new construction and issues such as "intelligent" windows and energy efficiency, while overlooking other important, holistic benefits of preserving historic windows, such as the following:

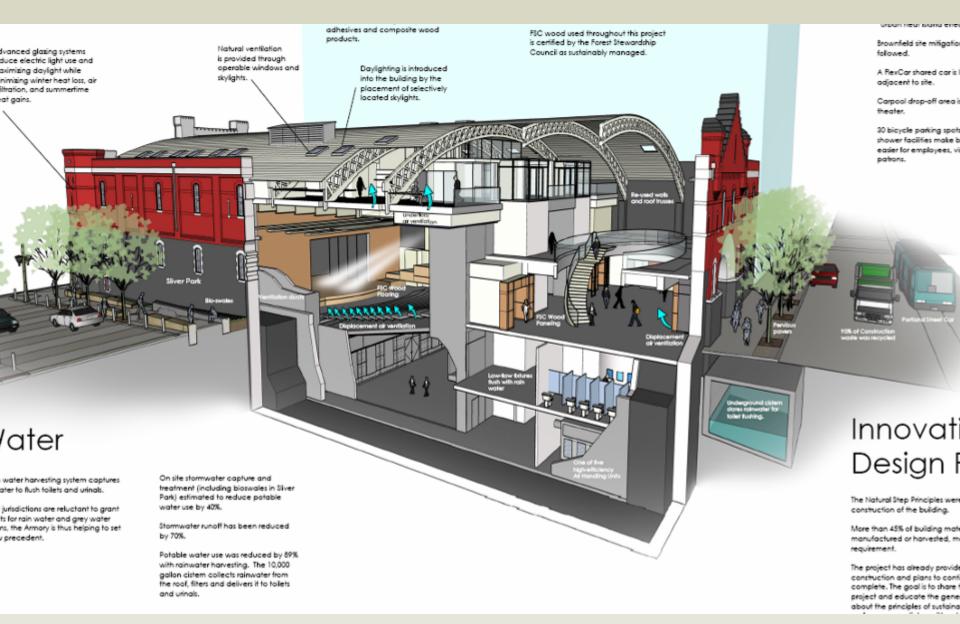
 Conservation of embodied energy (i.e., the sum total of the energy



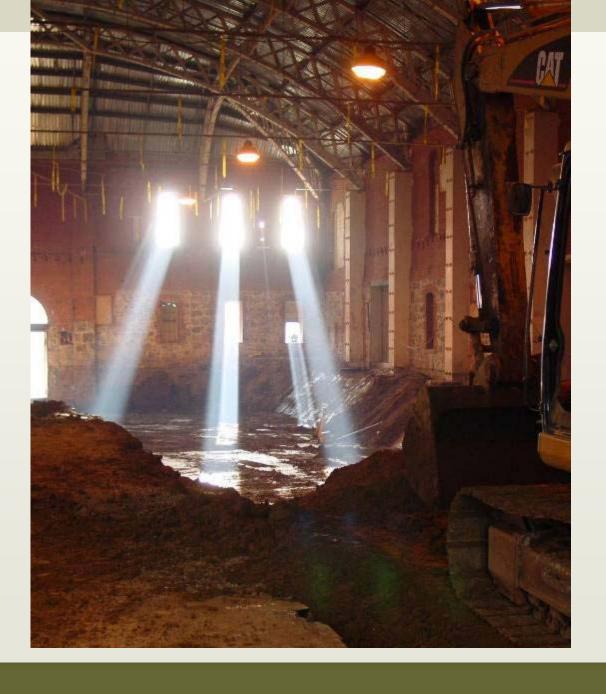


5. Unveil synergies of program and design strategies...









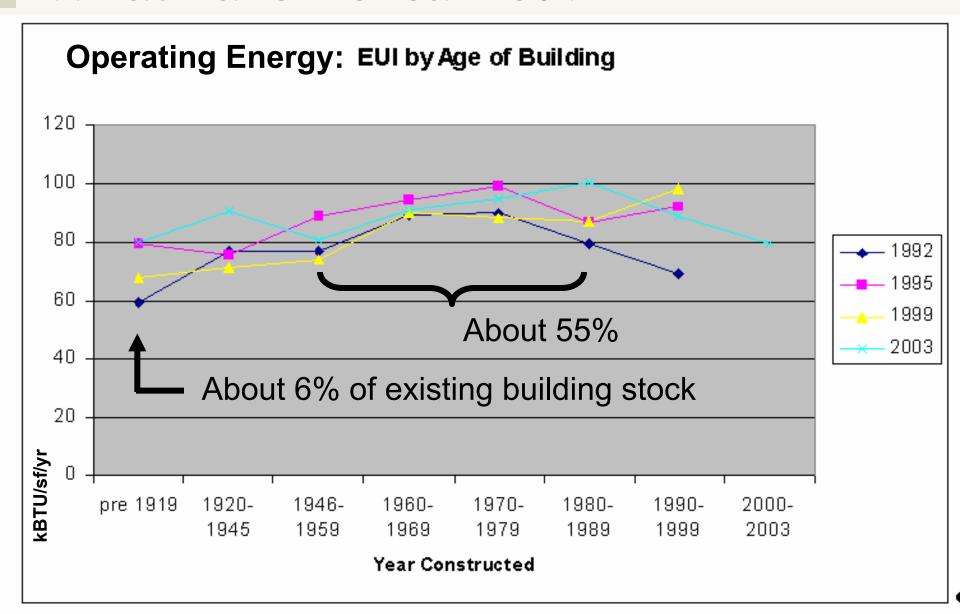








What have we learned?



Thank you!

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